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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting

GEORGIA DOT WANTS YOUR TWO CENTS IN PROJECT TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY 136 IN PICKENS COUNTY

JASPER, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT proposed project to improve State Route (SR) 136 in Pickens County is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pickens County Administrative Offices, located at 1266 East Church Street in the city of Jasper, Georgia.

Pickens County's residents interested in learning more about the proposed project are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their thoughts and preferences.

"We would like to hear the viewpoints and concerns of all area residents," says DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville. "The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Pickens County, the ideas and preferences of these people are important and can make a difference in our planning process," Comer explains. "This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions, and express their preferences as well as their concerns."

The proposed plans call for improving the horizontal alignment of SR 136 from SR 136 Connector to SR 515 as a two lane facility in Pickens County and providing bicycle-friendly paved shoulders to the highway.

The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Cherie Marsh at (678) 721-5257.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until Monday, June 29, 2015. Written statements may be submitted to:

Mr. Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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